

unquantifiable economic, political, and cultural benefits. Japan, with few natural resources, now produces over 10 percent of the world's goods and services, and has become our friend and ally, our partner in peace and economic enterprise, a source of stability in the bustling Pacific rim, and a major engine of international commerce.

So, as we commemorate the 50 years of peace and stability that began at the end of World War II, let us not forget the ultimate sacrifice made by 300,000 young American soldiers, sailors, and aviators who accomplished the redemption of the Earth.

Surely, these young men and women from Arizona, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, and every other State of the Union, realized the risks they ran and the ultimate price that they might pay. But they also knew that, while the price of freedom is high, the price of oppression is far higher. With the courage of this conviction, they willingly offered their lives to defend transcendent principle and to preserve the promise of freedom for fellow human beings born and yet unborn. They fought for neither power nor treasure, and the only foreign land they now revere lies beneath countless crosses and Stars of David where their fallen comrades rest.

America's World War II veterans embody all that is strong, noble and true about this Nation. They and their departed friends—and all others who have protected the United States in peacetime and in war—served as good soldiers and good citizens. Their high standard of allegiance has enriched our national consciousness and has cultivated and sustained a sense of purpose and patriotism in Americans across this great land. In selflessly laying their lives on the line, they helped ensure that, throughout the world, the strong are just, the weak secure, and the peace preserved for generations to come.

Mr. President, in this year of commemoration, I know I share the sentiments of all Americans in saying to World War II veterans and their families: I salute you. Your country thanks you. God bless each of you.●

#### CENTENARIAN THOMAS STAVALONE

● Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of a great American, Thomas Stavalone. On September 14 of this year, Thomas Stavalone of Saratoga Ave., Rochester, NY, will be celebrating an event few others have been privileged to achieve; he will be 100 years old.

Born in a suburb of Naples, Italy, in the village of Peturo in 1895, Tom emigrated to America in 1904 at the tender age of 9. Together with his family, he originally settled in the Scio Street area, later relocating to the old 9th Ward section of Rochester, which he still calls home. He attended No. 5

School, where he met the girl he would eventually marry.

On June 30, 1917, Tom married his sweetheart, Immaculate LaMarca. She lived to the age of 90, passing away in 1987, after they had celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They had four children, Lawrence, Amelia, Margie and Thomas, Jr., who died in infancy.

As a sports enthusiast during his youth, he preferred to be an active participant rather than an observer. Tom is also an avid outdoorsman, enjoying both hunting and fishing. He would always share his bountiful catch with neighbors and friends.

Tom worked in several Rochester shoe factories over the years, but when he retired in 1962 it was from a position with the Rochester Transit Authority.

Tom's chief activity today is gardening, but he also enjoys playing bocce and watching Yankee games. No matter what the weather, he walks daily to the Stardust Room at Edgerton Park to share in their senior citizen lunches. There he also enjoys the camaraderie of both neighbors and friends.

Tom has witnessed 17 men rise to become the President of our country extending from Teddy Roosevelt to Bill Clinton. During his 100 years, Tom has seen the progress in transportation go from the horse and buggy age to man landing on the Moon; mass communication has evolved from just the printed word to radio, and even computers; entertainment has extended from vaudeville to video. Times have certainly changed and Tom Stavalone has been there to witness these many changes.

His family and friends will honor him with a gala celebration on September 17, 1995, at the Mapledale Party House in Rochester, NY. I want to thank Tom for his many contributions to the betterment of our world and with him a very happy 100th birthday.●

#### RICHARD TISSIERE

● Mr. BRADLEY. Mr. President, on Friday, September 8, following closely on the heels of our national celebration of the American worker, a prominent labor leader in my State will be honored for his many achievements on behalf of all New Jerseyans and my State's labor movement. Richard Tissiere, the business manager and president of the Laborers' Union Local 472, AFL-CIO, has devoted a lifetime of energy, enthusiasm, and hard work to both the local 472, his community and our country.

Richie Tissiere's commitment to his union, exemplified by his perfect attendance record at union meetings for the entire 43 years of his membership, has contributed to the hard-won achievements of the American work force. Today's American worker enjoys a living wage, company paid health benefits, safe working conditions and a 5-day workweek as a direct result of the fruits of the labor of America's unions. This uniquely American com-

pact between labor and management has rightly been the envy of the world. As the role of unions in today's work force undergoes growing pains, we must remember that we all—rich and poor, management and worker—are in this together. For most of our history as an industrialized nation we have understood this fact. We understood that workers were not interchangeable parts but partners in a quest for productivity and partners in a community. Richie Tissiere understands this compact and has devoted himself to ensuring that America's unique partnership between worker and employer remains a vibrant part of our society.

Richie Tissiere's contributions to New Jersey have been many and they have been varied. I have had the pleasure of working with Richie when he served on my Labor Advisory Board in the State which is only one of the ways that Richie has touched so many of his fellow New Jerseyans. Generations of young soccer players have Richie and area labor unions to thank for supporting their leagues, boys and girls in Newark can tip their hats to Richie for his support of their youth clubs, and thousands of construction, highway, and mass transit workers appreciate the role Richie has played in the booming construction industry in the State.

It is indeed fitting that the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO will pay tribute to Richie Tissiere, a fine New Jerseyman and a dedicated union supporter at their annual Labor Day Parade.●

#### THE VISIT OF COMTE RENE DE CHAMBRUN TO THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CELEBRATING MICROFILMING OF LAFAYETTE PAPERS

● Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, as Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, I want to bring to the attention of this body an agreement between the Library of Congress and the Comte Rene de Chambrun of France to microfilm the Lafayette papers. In June, the Librarian of Congress, Dr. James Billington, agreed to begin microfilming the collection and make it available to scholars from all over the world by 1996. Rene de Chambrun, the great-great grandson of the Marquis de Lafayette, will be honored this evening, Lafayette's birthday, at a dinner sponsored by Congress and the Library.

Many will remember Rene de Chambrun who, like his ancestor Lafayette, was held in high esteem by his American counterparts during World War II. Through a web of connections in the United States, Chambrun was able to convince President Roosevelt and others to send much needed military equipment to Britain in mid 1940. The assistance, instigated by Chambrun, was no small factor in the Battle of Britain—the first battle